

## METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ROUTING MESSAGES IN A NETWORK

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A method of routing a message in a network includes transmitting by a mobile  
station (105) a signaling connection establishment message (308) on a radio  
connection to a radio network controller (102) through a base station (104). The  
signaling connection establishment message can include a registration request  
message. Next the mobile station can receive a registration accept message (310) on  
the radio connection and can subsequently transmit an uplink signaling message (312)  
10 on the radio connection. The uplink signaling message from the mobile station can  
include a core network operator identifier (604).